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SUBJECT: ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF NA AIRSPACE

(HALCON VISTA)

REF: A) CURACAO 472

B) CURACAO 479

C) CARACAS 8976

1. POL COUNS CALLED IN SEPTEMBER 13 BY COHEN STUART,
MFA'S DIRECTOR WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS, FOR DISCUSSION
ALLEGED VIOLATIONS. COHEN STUART REVIEWED CIRCUMSTANCES
SURROUNDING OPERATION HALCON VISTA AND MEASURES NA
FLIGHT CONTROLLERS HAD HAD TO ADOPT AS RESULT. BACK-
GROUND CORRESPONDS TO INFO CONTAINED REFTELS.

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2. DIRECTOR, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, SAID IN VIEW CLOSE

AND FRIENDLY US-GON RELATIONS IT WOULD HAVE BEEN DESIRABLE
IF USG HAD GIVEN GON ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF US
INVOLVEMENT IN EXERCISE. HE VOLUNTEERED THAT
EXERCISE WAS OUTSIDE NATO'S AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY
AND THEREFORE HAD NO ALLIANCE CONNOTATIONS. POL COUNS
SAID EMB WOULD NOTE AND REPORT MFA'S VIEW TO WASHINGTON,
BUT MFA SHOULD BE AWARE THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR FLIGHT
NOTIFICATION AND ISSUANCE OF NOTAM'S IN CASES SUCH AS
HALCON VISTA RESTED WITH COUNTRY LAUNCHING EXERCISE
(IN THIS CASE VENEZUELA).

3. COHEN STUART ALSO WAS INFORMED THAT IN INTEREST GOOD
RELATIONS EMBASSY HAD BEEN ATTEMPTING SEE HIS DEPUTY FOR AT
LEAST 24 HOURS TO PROVIDE MFA WITH INFORMATION AVAILABLE
REGARDING ALLEGED VIOLATIONS.

4. COMMENT: WHILE GON AWARE THAT ALERTING RESPONSI-
BILITY RESTED WITH VENEZUELA, EMBASSY FULLY SUPPORTS
CONGEN LOFTON'S COMMENT IN PARA 7 OF CURACAO 479.
IN FUTURE EXERCISES WHICH MAY INVOLVE LIMITATIONS ON
NA (OR NETHS SURINAM) CONTROLLED FLIGHT REGIONS AND/OR AIRSPACE,
EMBASSY REQUESTS PRIOR NOTIFICATION TO GON BE
AUTHORIZED WELL IN ADVANCE.
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